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INTERSTATE 15 **I-15/I-215 DEVORE JUNCTION**
Goods Movement Improvement Project

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- 1 Million + vehicles travel through junction weekly
- 160,000 vehicles per day (today); 379,000 vehicles per day (2040)
- Multiple lane changes, while ascending/descending between slow moving trucks /fast moving vehicles
- Chokepoint – 3 lanes each direction in an otherwise continuous 4 lane I-15 facility
- Long delays – back-ups 5 mi. long (see below)
- Non-standard interchange spacing concurrent with steep grade and heavy traffic
- Driver confusion due to non-standard junction configuration
- Congestion/delays due to high traffic volumes and inadequate capacity
- High accident rate within junction
- No direct local circulation option
- 14% unemployment in the area

SOLUTIONS

- Add truck by-pass connector to separate truck traffic
- Add a lane in each direction
- Eliminate weaving by standardizing on-off ramps
- Designate I-15 as main movement to improve safety and eliminate weaving
- Reduce need for multiple lane changes
- Reconnect Cajon Blvd (Historic Route 66) to provide local circulation and alternative route for emergency vehicles
- Creates 5000+ direct/indirect jobs



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